

## **REMARKS**

### **A. Status Of The Claims**

Applicant originally filed claims 1-30. Claims 18-30 are allowed. Claims 2-10, 12-16, and 22 have been amended. Claims 1, 11, and 17 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer so that they can be prosecuted in a continuation application. Claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-30 are currently pending.

### **B. The Claims That Were Objected To Are Now In Condition For Allowance**

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 4-10 and 14-16 include allowable subject matter but objected to them as to form for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner further indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 4-6, 10, and 14-15 without changing their scope to place them in independent form (and therefore into condition for allowance) per the suggestion of the Examiner. Claims 7-9 and 16 are likewise in condition for allowance (without being amended) because they each depend upon one of the now-independent claims that have been amended above.

### **C. Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, and 22 Are In Condition For Allowance**

Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, and 22 have been amended so that they are now dependent upon independent claims 10, 10, 14, 15, and 19, respectively, which the Examiner has indicated contain allowable subject matter. Dependent claims 2, 3, 12, 13, and 22 are therefore in condition for allowance. Further, the amendment of the word "phosphoniumhalide" to

“phosphonium halide” in claim 12 was made to correct a typographical error and does not narrow the scope of the claim.

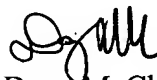
**D. Conclusion**

Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Because the amendment added 3 net independent claims (by adding 6 independent claims and canceling 3), Applicant further encloses a credit card payment form in the amount of \$132 for extra claim fees based on small entity status. Should any additional fees be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins, Deposit Account No. 22-0365/SOU747/4-9US.

If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions concerning this application, the Examiner is welcome to contact Applicant’s undersigned representative at 512-542-8560.

Respectfully submitted,



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